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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 1895.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MARTIN, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

R E P O R T:

[To accompany H. R. 6417.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6417) granting a pension to Mary E. Hamilton, of Williamson County, Tenn., widow of David Hamilton, have duly considered the same and report as follows:

The evidence before the committee clearly establishes the truth of the several statements embraced in the report made by the Committee on Pensions in the House of Representatives to accompany this bill, and it further appears beyond question that Mrs. Hamilton is a woman of good character, well advanced in years, has no property of her own, is physically incapable of performing the necessary work for her support and maintenance, and that she is entirely dependent upon her friends and relatives for support.

In view of these facts your committee respectfully recommend the passage of the bill.

We hereby adopt and submit as a part of our report in this case the report made by Mr. Moses, from the Committee on Pensions, in the House of Representatives.

[House Report No. 1042, Fifty-third Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6417) granting a pension to Mary E. Hamilton, have considered the same and respectfully report as follows:

Mrs. Hamilton is the widow of David Hamilton, who is shown by the records of the War Department to have served as a private in Captain Crawford's company, Second Regiment Volunteer Mounted Gunmen, West Tennessee, in the Seminole Indian war of 1818. He enlisted January 31, 1818, and was mustered out June 30, 1818.

The soldier died about five years ago, aged 89 years. His widow, the beneficiary, is now in her 69th year, and without any means of support.

The general Indian war pension act of July 27, 1892, included only the Indian wars from 1832 to 1842, and hence there is no law under which she can make application to the Pension Bureau, but is obliged to depend upon Congress to grant by special act the relief she stands so much in need of. She resides at Franklin, Tenn.

Your committee regard the bill as one of merit, and its passage is respectfully recommended.